

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending November 16, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 2.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending November 16, 1997. The main farming activities for the week were feeding cattle and fertilizing winter forage. Rain has consistently delayed harvesting across the state. Farmers are hoping for several days of sunshine and dry weather so they can complete harvesting. Soil moisture conditions were rated 1 percent short, 48 percent adequate and 51 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	95	93	98	95	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	90	89	93	88	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	82	77	93	86	0	7	30	59	4
	Emerged	72	64	84	75					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	93	89	98	98	--	--	--	--	--
Pecans	Harvested	48	45	39	44	0	11	25	62	2
Cattle						1	6	25	57	11

County Agent Comments

"Rainfall continues to stop all field work. There are still some soybeans to harvest and growers would like to plant some additional wheat."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Wet, soggy conditions are preventing the final stages of harvest for some farmers. Most wheat is up to a good stand and off to a very good start."

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

"Too wet for any field work. Crop yields thus far have been good in soybeans and cotton. Very little remains in fields to be harvested."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Wet weather continues to delay harvest. The county is in need of several days of sunshine."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Rain has put a stop to all crop harvesting and any other field work. We need two weeks of good weather to complete harvesting cotton."

— Steve Richardson, Tate County

"Soybean harvest is extremely late. Rain and cloudy weather kept combines out of the field all last week. Winter pastures are progressing fair. We need some sunshine and dry weather."

— Stanley Wise, Alcorn County

"Wet weather continues to delay completion of soybean and cotton harvesting. Hay, supplemental grain and protein are being fed to cattle earlier than normal."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Rainfall all last week has not allowed row crop producers to complete harvesting. A couple of days of good weather should be sufficient enough to complete cotton and soybean harvesting."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Fields are wet and soybean harvest is halted because of the rain. The frost last weekend halted warm season pasture growth. Cattlemen are feeding hay to supplement pastures."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

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Weather Summary From November 10, 1997 to November 1, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	56	29	44			0.46		5					
Cleveland	56	28	42	52	-10	1.03	+0.07	5		54	43	49	
Tunica	56	28	43	52	-9	0.75	-0.21	5		54	43	49	
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	58	24	41	50	-9	0.79	-0.12	6	3.87	55	41	48	
Memphis	50	28	41	53	-12	1.30	+0.44	4	3.68				
Oxford	61	21	43	51	-8	0.46	-0.56	5	4.67				
Extreme/Average	61	21	42	51	-10	0.85	-0.08	5	4.07	55	41	48	
3. Northeast													
Booneville	57	26	42	51	-9	0.40	-0.65	4	3.47				
Corinth	61	26	43	52	-9	0.48	-0.34	3	4.44				
Iuka	57	31	42			0.40		4	1.47				
Pontotoc	58	23	43	53	-10	0.39	-0.54	4	5.15	58	41	50	0.06
Tupelo	53	25	42	52	-9	0.29	-0.38	5	5.50				
Verona	60	26	44			0.32		4	6.16	57	40	49	0.03
Extreme/Average	61	23	43	52	-9	0.38	-0.49	4	4.37	58	40	50	0.04
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	64	29	47	57	-10	0.44	-0.51	3	3.52	64	45	55	
Greenwood	59	23	43	55	-12	0.30	-0.53	4	3.32				
Rolling Fork	62	26	45			0.49	-0.37	5	4.13	63	46	58	
Stoneville													
Yazoo City						0.34	-0.44	2	3.30				
Extreme/Average	64	23	45	56	-11	0.39	-0.47	4	3.57	64	45	56	
5. Central													
Carthage	59	38	36	54	-18	0.42	-0.34	2	4.18				
Jackson	63	27	46	56	-10	0.74	+0.09	4	3.70				
Winona													
Extreme/Average	63	27	41	55	-14	0.58	-0.13	3	3.94				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.37	-0.10	3	3.65				
Columbus	59	28	45			0.64		6	7.37				
State University						0.45	-0.28	3	5.13				
Extreme/Average	59	28	45			0.49	-0.11	4	5.38				
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	61	29	47			2.18		5	5.61	62	45	55	
Natchez	62	28	48	60	-12	1.61	+0.70	4	5.66				
Oakley	65	24	46			0.67	-0.01	4	4.83	60	45	53	
Vicksburg													
Extreme/Average	65	24	47	60	-13	1.49	+0.69	4	5.37	62	45	54	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	64	31	51	58	-7	1.93	+0.75	6	3.76				
McComb	65	32	50	58	-8	1.74	+0.77	6	6.64				
Extreme/Average	65	31	50	58	-7	1.84	+0.76	6	5.20				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	65	30	52	57	-6	2.76	+1.62	3	3.74				
Laurel													
Meridian	63	27	46	55	-9	1.18	+0.45	3	4.39				
Newton	65	26	47	55	-8	1.24	+0.36	4	5.61	58	40	50	0.05
Extreme/Average	65	26	48	56	-8	1.73	+0.81	3	4.58	58	40	50	0.05
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	69	32	54			2.49		2	5.28				
Biloxi	68	37	55			2.65		3	5.05				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula						2.19	+1.31	2	5.94				
Poplarville	66	32	52	60	-8	1.58	+0.69	3	4.48	62	54	57	1.05
Extreme/Average	69	32	54	60	-6	2.23	+1.34	3	5.18	62	54	57	1.05
State	69	31	46	56	-10	1.07	+0.21	4	4.71	64	40	52	0.38

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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